

Those who voted in the affirmative, are Messrs. Anderson, Blackledge, Burgin, Baine, Brower, Barringer, Cole, Carson, Dockery, Dulany, Fisher, Fox, Gilchrist, J. Graham, E. E. Graham, Gordon, Graves, Hoke, Horton, Henry, Love, Lunon, Melvin, Melchor, Marmon, Mebane, N. M'Neill, Moore, Rea, W. D. Smith, Strange, Tyson, Walker, Yancy—34 yeas.

Those who voted in the negative, are Messrs. Adams, Alford, Bryan, Barnard, Baker, C. Bell, Beall, T. Bell, Brodnax, Boykin, Blair, Cotten, Cooper, Clark, L. Cherry, Carter, Cox, J. Cherry, Daniel, Davenport, Edwards, Fleming, Harrell, Hunter, Harbin, Hill, Hastings, Hassell, Jigitts, Jarman, Jeter, Lewis, Lee, A. B. McMillan, McLean, Morgan, Matthews, McDaniel, A. McNeill, McLaurin, R. Martin, Macay, J. I. McMillan, L. Martin, Ormond, Pugh, Roberts, J. Smith, A. Smith, Speight, J. Skinner, Stephens, G. Smith, H. Skinner, Sheppard, Thompson, Thornton, Turner, Underwood, White, Walton, Worth, Wooten, Wilkins, Watson, Webb, Williamson, Whitaker, Webster—69 nays.

Mr. Strange, from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution inquiring into the expenses of the State, on account of Internal Improvement, made the following report:

As a variety of considerations are presented to your committee, by the terms of the resolution, they have thought it most convenient to treat the several subjects in the order in which they appear in the resolution itself.

Upon the first point, which is the amount paid the State Engineer and Assistants, as well for salary as contingent expenses, it appears to your committee that Peter Brown, Esq. being then in Europe, was authorised, by a resolution of the Legislature of North-Carolina, passed in the year 1817, to employ some man of distinguished reputation, as a Civil Engineer, upon such terms as he might deem expedient and conformable to the views of the State.

Pursuant to this resolution, Mr. Brown contracted with Hamilton Fulton, Esquire, at a salary of twelve hundred pounds sterling per annum, commencing from the period of Mr. Fulton's embarkation for this country; the State of North-Carolina being bound, in addition to the said salary, to pay the expenses incident to Mr. Fulton's voyage across the Atlantic, and his journey from the place of his debarkation to the seat of the State government, together with such contingent charges as might accrue in his travels through the State, as Civil Engineer. Under this contract there was paid to Mr. Fulton, on account of salary for nine months' services, ending the 12th of February, 1820, three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars sixty-eight cents, and for contingent charges, including the expense of his passage across the Atlantic ocean, at New-York, and from thence to Raleigh, a further sum of seven hundred and sixteen dollars and three cents; and it appears to your committee that there was also paid in the city of London, three hundred and thirty-one dollars and ninety-four cents, for instruments and stationery furnished the Engineer's department.

It further appears to your committee that the expenses of the assistant Engineer for the same period, while in the employment of the State, was, on account of salary, eight hundred and sixty dollars forty-four cents, and for contingent expenses, one hundred and twelve dollars thirty-nine cents.

The Legislature of the state, at their session of 1819, passed an act creating the Board of Internal Improvement, and vesting in them certain